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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** 

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:** 

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a first sensor to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, the first

sensor comprising first outputs to output first sensor signals when a field is detected;

a first signal modulator to receive first sense signals that correspond to the first sensor

signals from the first sensor, the first signal modulator having first and second control states,

wherein in the first control state, the first signal modulator is configured to output the first sense

signals, and, wherein in the second control state, the first signal modulator is configured to

output inverted first sense signals;

a device configured to receive and process the first sense signals or the first inverted first

sense signals;

a second sensor to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, the

second sensor comprising second outputs to output second sensor signals when a field is

detected; and

a second signal modulator to receive second sense signals that correspond to the second

sensor signals from the second sensor, the second signal modulator having the first and second

control states, wherein in the first control state, the second signal modulator is configured to

output the second sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, the second signal

modulator is configured to output the inverted second sense signals;

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wherein the device is configured to receive and process the second sense signals or the

second inverted second sense signals.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the first sensor and the second

sensor comprise Hall sensors.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a first operational transconductance amplifier between the first sensor and the first signal

modulator, the first operational transconductance amplifier to generate the first sense signals

from the first sensor signals; and

a second operational transconductance amplifier between the second sensor and the

second signal modulator, the second operational transconductance amplifier to generate the

second sense signals from the second sensor signals.

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the first signal modulator and

the second signal modulator are connected in parallel.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a first control logic circuit in communication with the first signal modulator; and

a second control logic circuit in communication with the second signal modulator.

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6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the first and the second signal

modulators are controlled by a digital control word input to the corresponding ones of the first

and second control logic circuits.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the first sensor and the second

sensor are arranged in a plane.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the first sensor, the second

sensor, and the plural sensors are arranged in rows and columns that are orthogonal.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a system comprised of:

plural sensors to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical

field, each of the plural sensors comprising outputs to output sensor signals when

a field is detected;

plural signal modulators to receive sense signals that correspond to sensor

signals from corresponding ones of the plural sensors, each of the plural signal

modulators having first and second control states, wherein in the first control

state, each signal modulator is configured to output sense signals, and, wherein in

the second control state, each signal modulator is configured to output inverted

sense signals; and

a device to receive and process the sense signals or the inverted sense

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signals, the method comprising:

reading and storing a first system signal from the device in a case that the system is in a first configuration;

changing a configuration of the system to a second configuration that is different from the first configuration;

reading and storing a second system signal from the device when the system is in the second configuration; and

performing an arithmetic operation using the first system signal and the second system signal.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein after reading and storing the second system signal but before performing the arithmetic operation, the method further comprises:

changing a configuration of the system and reading and storing additional system signals corresponding to changes in the configuration of the system;

wherein the arithmetic operation is performed using the additional system signals.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

plural sensors to detect at least one of a magnetic field and an electrical field, each of the

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plural sensors comprising outputs to output sensor signals when a field is detected;

plural signal modulators to receive sense signals that correspond to sensor signals from corresponding ones of the plural sensors, each of the plural signal modulators having the first and second control states, wherein in the first control state, each signal modulator is configured to output sense signals, and, wherein in the second control state, each signal modulator is configured to output inverted sense signals;

wherein the device is configured to receive and process the sense signals or the inverted sense signals.

- 13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the Hall sensors comprise silicon sensors.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein performing the arithmetic operation comprises using a trigonometric function.